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**Inquiry:** I would like to purchase a Micro Loop. A portable hand held Spirometer for our Pulmonary Rehab program at Memorial Hospital and to cross over to use at health fairs with our County Asthma Coalition Group. It is to be used as a screening tool.

It provides to me:

- (1) Volume/Time and complete Flow/Volume Loops.
- (2) Data base storage capacity for over 1,000 patients.

My questions are:

- (1) Am I able to perform these in our rehab and health fair setting without a physician order as long as we are not charging?
- (2) It provides an interpretation on the hardcopy. Are we allowed to give the patient a copy of this to take to their physician for further follow-up?

**Response:** You are able to use these devices as requested with a protocol as outline in section 3702 of the Practice Act. Even though the Board does not regulate your second question, I would professionally recommend you not give health-screening patients a copy of the printed interpretation. The device you mentioned is a basic screening device that should prompt the licensed practitioner to have the patient follow-up with their physician.

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